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**Sent:** Friday, September 8, 2017 8:11 AM  
**To:** Mason, Steve; Gray, David; Smith, Monica; Crossland, Ronnie; Spelman, John  
**Cc:** Edlund, Carl; Peterson, Mary; Opalski, Dan; R6HarveyRICT  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Mission Assignment for EPA HQ support costs

Steve,

Spoke to Reggie Cheatham this morning about this and he said historical practice for past hurricanes is for HQ EOC to come under our MA since their primary mission is to support R6.

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**Cc:** Edlund, Carl ; Peterson, Mary ; Opalski, Dan  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Mission Assignment for EPA HQ support costs

David, Ronnie:

FEMA Region 6 said EPA should consider having the EOC request their hours be covered by the FOS mission assignment they have for staffing the NRCC... this is a HQ mission assignment...

*With Regards, Steve*



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David, I spoke to FEMA on this issue a few days ago...

Their policy is applicable to both our Regional Office and HQ...

If a person directly supports the activities of the field personnel under a Mission Assignment, then it is allowable for them to charge to the Mission Assignment...

Thus, if our Management believes the activities of the HQ EOC directly supported the field activities, then they can charge to the Mission Assignment...

So, that would be a decision for Management on who meets that...

Hope this helps...

*With Regards, Steve*



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## Can you work this for us?

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**Subject:** Request for Mission Assignment for EPA HQ support costs

Sam and David,

As the Agency continues to support the Hurricane response, I am requesting that you please ask FEMA for a Mission Assignment covering EPA HQ Hurricane Harvey support costs, particularly for EPA's HQ EOC.

In past large disasters, like Sandy, FEMA provided the EPA Mission Assignments for Regional and HQ support, including costs associated with the EPA's Regional and HQ EOCs. This has been crucial to the Agency's ability to provide full support, such as air and water monitoring, water infrastructure advice, etc.

Background - As Region 6 continues its response efforts related to Hurricane Harvey, the FEMA Mission Assignment (NEMIS Number 1509-236866) issued on 08/28/2017, only included "field operations" under EPA's Emergency Support Function 10 (ESF-10) under the National Response Plan. This did not cover EPA's Headquarters Emergency Operations Center (EOC) functions, which complicates HQ's ability to support Region 6's efforts from across the agency. It also varies from the FEMA Mission Assignment for the last large disaster, Superstorm Sandy, which included funding for the EPA HQ EOC. Please contact EPA's National Incident Commander, Reggie Cheatham, for an estimate of the HQ's EOC costs.

I appreciate you making the request. It will help our financial management at the end of this fiscal year. If FEMA isn't willing to issue a Mission Assignment to cover HQ support costs, please tell us and we will raise the issue to FEMA HQ.

Thank you,

David

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